


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 8-11, i.e., so that the claims read as follows:



Claim 1 (previously amended): A method of reducing bitterness of a brewed fermented malt beverage which comprises adding to said fermented beverage juniper berry oil in a below a threshold of taste amount of 0.010 ppm to 0.350 ppm based on said malt beverage.

Claim 2 (previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added during aging of the beverage.

Claim 3 (previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added following aging of and before packaging of the beverage.

Claim 4 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added as an extract.

Claim 5 (original): A method according to claim 3, wherein said juniper berry oil is added as fresh or dried berries which are removed prior to packaging.

Claim 6 (previously cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added to said malt beverage in an amount of 0.015 ppm to 0.070 ppm based on said malt beverage.

Claims 8-11 (cancelled)

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